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SUBJECT: CONFERSATION WITH THE KING: CONCERN OVER SOVIET PRESENCE
IN SPAIN

1. DURING MY CONVERSATION WITH THE KING ON
DECEMBER 22 AND IN CONNECTION WITH OUR DISCUSSION
OF SPANISH RELATIONS WITH ROMANIANS, THE KING
VOLUNTEERED THAT HE AND PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ WERE
INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER THE LARGE AND BUILDING
PRESENCE OF SOVIET PERSONNEL IN SPAIN. PRIME MINISTER
SUAREZ WAS NOW CONTEMPLATING ASKING FOR THE REMOVAL
OF SOME 30 TO 40 SOVIETS EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR.

2. I TOLD THE KING THAT WE TOO WERE CONCERNED BY
THE LARGE NUMBER OF SOVIETS IN SPAIN AND SAID
THAT, AS HE KNEW, WE WERE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE
SPANISH SERVICES IN THIS AREA. HE SAID IT WOULD BE
HELPFUL IF I WOULD MENTION OUR CONCERNS WHEN I NEXT
SAW THE PRIME MINISTER. STABLER

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